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1. REFTELS REPORTED RESULTS OF FEBRUARY TRIPARTITE MEETING

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ON ISSUE OF SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND MARINE POLLUTION PRE-

VENTION IN THE STRAITS.

2. PROMPTED BY PRESS REPORTS AT THAT TIME AND LATER, U.S. MARITIME INDUSTRY (U.S. OPERATORS OF BOTH U.S.-FLAG AND FOREIGN-FLAG VESSEL) HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY LATE INFORMATION WE MAY HAVE ON WHAT SORT OF LIMITATIONS ON NAVIGATION IN THE STRAITS MAY BE CONTEMPLATED BY THE THREE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, OF COURSE, IS ANY TONNAGE OR DRAFT LIMITATIONS AND ANY PLANS FOR TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WILL COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY LIMITATIONS OR TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES THROUGH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO). THE FORM OF ANY SUCH COORDINATION,

IS ALSO IMPORTANT, I.E. WOULD THE THREE STATES PLAN TO CLEAR PROPOSED LIMITATIONS WITH IMCO, OR COORDINATE THEIR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH IMCO, OR SIMPLY PRESENT THEM TO IMCO AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI?

3. ACTION EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY LATE INFORMATION THEY CAN OBTAIN ON THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, EITHER BASED ON INFORMATION ALREADY AT HAND, OR VIA LOW KEY WORKING LEVEL APPROACHES WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY, OF COURSE, INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN THE STRAITS AND OUR BELIEF THAT THIS CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COORDINATION WITH MARITIME NATIONS AS WELL AS WITH OTHER COASTAL NATIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED MECHANISM OF IMCO. KISSINGER

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